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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PORG, UV, UN  
SUBJECT: UPPER VOLTAN UNGA DELEGATION

1. AFTER CABINET MEETING AUGUST 31, GOUV SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED  
COMPOSITION OF ELEVEN MEMBER DELEGATION TO 32ND UNGA. FOREIGN  
MINISTER MOUSSA KARGOUGOU WILL HEAD DELEGATION. DEPUTY CHIEF  
OF DELEGATION WILL BE MICHEL CAMPAORE, SECRETARY GENERAL MFA.  
OTHER MEMBERS ARE:

HAISSE MENSAH, UV PERM REP TO UN  
CORENTINKI, POLITICAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR, MFA  
DIMBON BAMBA, CONSELOR, UN MISSION  
PAUL DESIRE KABORE, COUNSELOR, UN MISSION  
MISS FATIMATA DIALLO, COUNSELOR MFA  
GAETAN OUEDRAOGO, COUNSELOR MFA  
BOUBACAR HAMA, COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR MFA  
ANTONIN OUEDRAOGO, MFA  
PIERRE BARRY, PRESS ATTACHE MFA  
DELEGATION INTENDS ARRIVE NEW YORK 18 SEPTEMBER.

2. COMMENT: BY VOLTAN STANDARDS THIS IS A RELATIVELY STRONG  
DELEGATION. CONSEQUENTLY WE THINK THERE IS LITTLE CHANCE OF  
A REPETITION OF SITUATION OF A COUPLE YEARS AGO WHEN LOOSELY-  
INSTRUCTED LOWER-RANKING OFFICIALS WERE TAKING POSITIONS AT  
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THE U.N. MORE RADICAL THAN VOLTAN GOVERNMENT POLICY.  
WHILE VOLTANS WILL OF COURSE TRY TO MAINTAIN THEIR THIRD WORLD  
CREDENTIALS, THEIR GENERAL STANCE SHOULD BE WITH THE MORE  
MODERATE THIRD WORLD GOVERNMENTS. THE DELEGATION MAY BE MORE  
ACTIVE THAN IN PREVIOUS YEARS, BUT WE WOULD EXPECT THAT  
GENERALLY THEY WOULD NOT RESPOND TO SUGGESTIONS THAT THEY  
TAKE LEADERSHIP OR INNOVATIVE ROLES ON VARIOUS QUESTIONS.

3. FOREIGN MINISTER KARGOUGOU IS A POLITICIAN BROUGHT INTO THE CABINET IN JANUARY AS PART OF PRESIDENT LAMIZANA'S PROGRAM TO MOVE TOWARD AN ELECTED CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT. KARGOUGOU DOES NOT HAVE A GREAT DEAL OF INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE, BUT HE HAS HELD SEVERAL OTHER MINISTERIAL POSTS IN THE PAST AND HE IS REASONABLY WELL-INFORMED. HIS POLITICAL OPINIONS TEND TOWARD THE MODERATE SIDE. HE IS PLEASANT AND SOFT-SPOKEN, BUT NOT WITHOUT POLITICAL AMBITIONS.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT PUTS SECRETARY GENERAL CAMPAORE ABOVE REGULAR AMBASSADOR TO UN MENSAH. THIS EMPHASIZES THE ACTIVE ROLE THAT CAMPAORE HAS BEEN PLAYING IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY SINCE HIS APPOINTMENT LAST YEAR. FORMERLY AMBASSADOR IN ABIDJAN, HE IS QUITE CONVERSANT WITH INTERNATIONAL ISSUES AND GROUPINGS. HE WOULD BE A GOOD CONTACT POINT FOR HIGHER-LEVEL CONSULTATION, WITHOUT OF COURSE IGNORING AMBASSADOR MENSAH.

5. AS DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS AND VETERAN ATTENDEE OF UNGA SESSIONS, CORENTINKI IS WELL-INFORMED ON BOTH THE ISSUES AND THE PRACTICE OF UNGA POLITICS. WHILE HE HAS BEEN MORE RADICAL IN YEARS PAST, HE SEEMS TO BE NOW TOEING THE GOVERNMENT'S MODERATE LINE PRETTY WELL. HE WOULD BE A GOOD SECOND-LEVEL CONTACT POINT.

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6. AMBASSADOR EXPECTS TO HAVE PRE-UNGA MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER KARGOUGOU IN NEAR FUTURE. GRAHAM

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